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To the Department of Justice of the United States of America:

As per the Tunney Act, I wish to input my two cents regarding the recent proposed settlement of the Microsoft anti-trust case.

Any person or organization that owns a license of any Microsoft operating system should have the right to effectively and effeciently program applications for use on that operating system. This requires full and extensive knowledge of the use of APIs that form the interface between all applications and the operating system. This entails having the knowledge of the existence of all prior and future APIs on a Microsoft operating system and the method of their use.

Currently, the wording in the current settlement leaves out many organizations that do not make a profit off their work. Non-profit organizations have the same rights, concerning the use of purchased software, as their for-profit counterparts in the computer industry. This should be rather common sense and if current law statutes conflict then they should be examined and amended.

I am a U.S citizen.

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